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Identical letters dated 14 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you once again with regard to the continued spillover of the conflict in Syria into Israel. In the past 48 hours alone, there have been four separate instances in which rockets launched from Syria landed in Israeli territory, risking the lives of Israeli citizens.

On 12 September, at 6.45 p.m., a 130-mm mortar shell was fired from Syria and landed in the vicinity of Mount Avital, approximately 800 m inside Israeli territory.

On 13 September, at 3.20 p.m., a mortar fired from Syria landed in Israeli territory near the Ein Zivan kibbutz. On the same day, at 5 p.m., two additional mortars from Syria landed in the vicinity of the Ein Zivan kibbutz and the town of Majdal Shams.

Just today, another mortar shell from Syria landed in the northern part of the Golan Heights.

Following these incidents of cross-border fire, the Israel Defense Forces took defensive measures against the sources of the shooting.

Despite repeated warning messages relayed by Israel to the Syrian side, there has been an increase in cross-border fire from Syria into Israeli territory. During the past month alone, there have been a total of six instances of spillover of the conflict in Syria into Israel.

Israel holds the Government of Syria responsible for all actions that take place on Syrian territory.

Israel has no interest in getting involved in the conflict in Syria, nor does it seek an escalation, but will not tolerate cross-border fire from Syria of any kind and will take all measures necessary to protect its civilians, territory and interests.

Israel demands that the Syrian regime abide by the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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